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What was contemplated however was the training, not of students but of the maistri and coolie classes on the Experiment station. With this object in view, the Agricultural department issued a leaflet showing what special training could be given on the different Experiment stations in the Presidency, at what times of year, and during what months. The class of man it was designed to attract was the supervisor field labourer who after training might obtain employment as a maistri to a zamindar or big landholder or to an agricultural co-operative society, or who holding such employment might be desirous of improving his knowledge, if possible, at the desire of his employer. The department undertook to give special courses of practical field training to such men on the understanding that they must work in the fields with the station coolies for which they would be paid at ordinary labour rates.

This offer was widely made and was published both as a Government communiqué and as a leaflet in English and the vernacular. The response to it has however so far been very small. There are, it is understood, three men now undergoing training at the Anakapalle Experiment station.

Co-operation

Reduction of the rate of interest on the loans to land mortgage banks.

* 1728 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any decision in regard to the question of reducing the rate of interest on their loans to land mortgage banks and building societies?

A.—Not yet.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I know whether this question was not considered in connexion with the Budget?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"Not in this Budget, Sir."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I know when a decision is likely to be reached?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"As early as possible."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—"May I know if the Government would like to treat these loans as capital loans?"

The hon Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—"May I know if they will consider the desirability of making the rule applicable to this case also, that the rate of interest shall be half per cent more than the rate at which the Government borrows money?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"It is under the consideration of Government."

Industries

Detailed statement of the various industries in the Presidency.

* 1729 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the nature, the capital employed, and the present state of the various industries in this province?

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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the following—

(i) statement No. VIII appended to the "Report on the Working of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, the Provident Insurance Societies Act, 1912, and the Indian Life Assurance Companies Act, 1912, for the year 1927–28";

(ii) paragraphs 32 to 69 of the "Report of the Department of Industries, Madras, for the year ending 31st March 1928."

The Government have no further information on the subject.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I ask what the medium or media are through which the Government give publicity to the State Aid to Industries Act?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"It is published only in the Gazette."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know if the Government will not give further publicity to this matter?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The suggestion will be considered."

Applications for aid under the State Aid to Industries Act.

* 1730 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the terms of aid to industries under the State Aid to Industries Act were advertised in the current year;

(*b*) if so, in which newspapers;

(*c*) whether any applications were received; and

(*d*) whether any aid was given, and if so, to whom, to what extent and on what terms?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Sixteen applications were received subsequent to 1st April 1928.

(*d*) A loan of Rs. 11,000 was disbursed to the zamindars of Belgaum repayable in seven annual instalments, commencing on 1st January 1930, to enable them to develop their pyrotechnic match factory. It was a condition of the grant of the loan that the proceeds should be applied to the purchase and installation of the machinery considered by the Department of Industries to be immediately necessary for the expansion of the factory and to the construction of a shed for the factory.

Another loan of Rs. 10,000 was disbursed to the Salem Dye Works Syndicate, Limited, repayable in ten annual instalments, commencing on 1st January 1930. This loan has been granted subject to the condition that it is applied wholly to the part repayment of a previous loan taken by the Company from one of its Directors and that immediately on such repayment, the said Director converts the balance of the loan given by him to the Company into share capital in the Company.